Point State Park

Point State Park was designated a National Historical Landmark in 1966, Point State Park is owned and operated by four agencies of the State of Pennsylvania: the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the Office of State Planning (OSPR), the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and the Friends of Point State Park. The Park commemorates the history of the Fort on the Ohio and is at the tip of Pittsburgh’s “Golden Triangle.” The park commemorates the history of the Forts on the Ohio and its strategic location.

In 1764, the Fort was established on the site of the former French Fort Duquesne, which had been abandoned by the French during their retreat from the American Indians. The fort was a strategic military site for the British during the French and Indian War and the American Revolutionary War.

The Fort was named “Fort Pitt” by the British in honor of the Duke of Richmond, the Governor-General of the British Colonies in America. The fort served as a center of military operations during the French and Indian War and the American Revolutionary War.

Today, Point State Park is a popular destination for visitors to the Pittsburgh area. The park features a variety of attractions, including a museum, the William Pitt Monument, and a fountain.

The William Pitt Monument was erected in 1819 in honor of the Duke of Richmond, who died in battle at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. The monument is a tall, stone column with a statue of the Duke of Richmond at the top.

The fountain, located in the center of the park, was renovated in 2006. The fountain features a circular basin that is 120 feet in diameter, and a jet of water that rises to a height of 250 feet.

The park is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, and is free to the public. For more information, please call 412-688-8000.
HIKING, BOATING AND BIKING TRAILS

NEW TO POINT STATE PARK IS THE CONFLUENCE OF RIVERS, THE MEETING PLACE OF MONEY HIKING, BOATING AND BIKING TRAILS.

THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL: The Three Rivers Heritage Trail (TRHT) is a pedestrian trail and greenway system in the Pittsburgh area, covering 77 miles along both sides of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. It is a nearly complete route for cyclists, walkers, and runners, and in many places scooters. In addition, over 20 miles of trail are in planning or development phases. The TRHT also connects to the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP), the developing Erie to Pittsburgh Trail and the Pittsburgh to Harrisburg Wal-Lin Canal Greenway. www.walklink.com contains evacuation and recreation trail system maps.

THREE RIVERS WATER TRAIL: This National Recreation Trail is a series of boat launching points on the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers that enthusiasts of the trail for over 20 miles of trail are in planning or development phases. The TRHT also connects to the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP), the developing Erie to Pittsburgh Trail and the Pittsburgh to Harrisburg Wal-Lin Canal Greenway. www.walklink.com contains evacuation and recreation trail system maps.

GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE: The Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) is a trail that offers 141 miles of hiking and biking between Cumberland, MD and Point State Park, in Pittsburgh. In Cumberland, the GAP joins the C&O Canal Trail, creating a continuous trail experience, 325 miles long. The GAP winds its way through forests, small towns, and mountains, over 3,000 feet in elevation. The trail is maintained by the Friends of the Riverfront, a volunteer group that promotes stewardship of the rivers. www.friendsoftheriverfront.org/hike/trail.html

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Point State Park offers a variety of environmental education, interpretive and recreational programs. Through these programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding and a sense of stewardship toward natural and cultural resources.

Programs are offered seasonally, from spring through fall. Programs for student groups are available. For more information contact the park office or visit www.VetPAparks.com.